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Washington County celebrates living history

Dates to remember:

April's Civil War Anniversaries

- ★ An April 19 1861 riot in what city resulted in the war's first casualties? - Baltimore. A secessionist mob attacked Union soldiers marching to Washington.
- ★ On April 16 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a law creating what for the first time in America? - A military draft
- ★ What atrocity occurred on April 12, 1864? The massacre of surrendering black soldiers at Fort Pillow, Tenn.
- ★ What fallen city did President Lincoln tour on April 5 1865? - Confederate capital Richmond, Va.
- ★ What event shook the nation on Good Friday, April 14 1865? Lincoln was shot; he died the next day. (USA Weekend, 31 Mar - Apr 2 2000)
End

Cemeteries

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY

- Amelia Atkinson, dau. Of William and Clara Mackey. Born 10 June 1810 - died 23 Nov 1883 - age 78 y 5 m 13 d
- Joseph E. Craddock, son of Mr. And Mrs. J. E. Craddock, 25 Oct. 1927 - 28 May 1928
- Mable Barnes White - 8 July 1912 - 7 April 1965 & Joe B. White 22 Sept. 1899 - 28 June 1968
- Arthur Johnson Barnes - 12 Oct 1874 - 14 June 1953 & Alice Spruill Barnes, 21 Feb 1876 - 17 Aug 1949
- Roy A. Barnes - 13 Sept 1909 - 6 July 1957
- Jessie Spruill Barnes - 5 June 1908 - 12 Feb 1930
- Haywood L. Spruill - 1922 - 1948
- Sylvester Lilley - 9 Sept 1982 - 8 Oct 1938 & Myrtle Lilley - 8 Mar 1894 -
- Ralph R. Lilley - 21 Oct 1912 - 3 Dec 1922
- E. M. Lilley - 31 Jan 1849 - 23 Feb 1909

- James Nelson Strawbridge - 1 June 1850 - 9 June 1910 - Father
- T. C. Craddock 6 Oct. 1863 _____ & His wife, Sarah A. Craddock - 17 Oct 1867 - 5 Dec 1929
- Dolly, dau of T. C. and Sarah Craddock, 25 July 1911 - Jan. 1928
- Sarah R. Gray - 12 Nov 1840 - 28 Nov 1919
- T. M. Gray, son of Sarah Gray - 1870 - 1917
- W. S. Spruill, 5 Nov 1848 - 28 Dec 1906
- Annie V. Spruill, 27 May 1848 - 11 Nov 1873
- Martha Norman Spruill - 30 Nov 1862 - 25 Dec 1942
- Spruill: George L. 24 May 1876 - 5 Jan 1938 (Father)
- Johnny W. - 5 June 1918 - 18 Nov 1939 (Son)
- Elva Harrington - 20 May 1851 - 29 Aug 1938
- Claude W. Patrick - 27 Nov 1890 - 7 Nov 1926 (In memory of)
- Sarah F. Spruill - 9 May 1888 - 2 Dec 1922
- Donnie Mae Patrick - 25 July 1894 - 8 Dec 1916
- Whitefield, Coloster A. Patrick, wife of C. S. Whitefield - 23 Mar 1885 - 27 Oct 1915
- Edward S. Patrick - 12 Sept 1850 - 4 May 1913 & Nicey A., wife of C. S. Patrick, 21 Mar 1856 - 5 Oct 1911
- T. P. Swain, son of Daniel & Elizabeth Swain. Born 21 Oct 1848 - died 20 July 1877
- Elizabeth Swain wife of Daniel Swain - born 1823 died 12 Dec 1881
- Daniel Swain - born 1811 - 1889
- Drusilla Craddock - born 7 Aug 1803 died 5 Sept 1882
- George Wiley, 11 Sept 1815 - 24 Aug 1901;
- Matilda, wife of George Wiley, born 12 June 1818 died 13 July 1882
- Mary Knight Lee, wife of George Wiley, born 29 Sept 1845 died 10 Nov 1936
- Aileen Marriner Waters - 18 Oct 1882 - 18 June 1918

- Eugene Marriner Waters - 27 April 1917 - 2 Nov 1920?
- Ellen Estelle, wife of Nol? Harrington - 28 Feb 1882 - 30 Nov 1900
- Joseph Ainsley - 20 June 1854 - 9 Nov 1928
- Francis A., wife of William Cherry - 3 Mar 1850 - 2 Aug 1913
- W. H. Cherry - 20 Nov 1856 - 13 Feb 1910
- Wynne: Leah F. 1876 - 1963
 - Thomas L. - 1874 - 1959
- Carol Sue Gurkin - 3 June 1954 - 9 May 1959
- Mary Helen Tarkenton - 14 July 1944 - 19 Aug 1961
- Tarkenton - Thomas W. - 26 Sept 1902 - 19 Jan 1982
- Audrey Chesson Knowles, wife of Thomas W. Tarkenton - 29 Sept 1910 - 19 Mar 1934
- Thomas L. Tarkenton - 13 Dec 1858 - 6 Feb 1902
- Mary E. Tarkenton - 15 June 1867 - 13 Feb 1930
- Benton Warren Tarkenton - 9 Jan 1892 - 1 Sept 1949 (Woodmen of the World Memorial)
- Spruill:Norwood M. - 7 Nov 1885 - 4 Sept 1964
- Mary T. - 3 Aug 1889 - 14 Feb 1982
- Tarkenton Myrtle L. - 6 Dec 1893 - 18 June 1974
- Nellie - 2 May 1898 - 26 June 1987
- Eleanor H., dau. Of J. W. and M. E. Wynne, wife of T. W. Davis - 3 April 1881 - 10 Aug 1911
- Mary Eliza, wife of Jeremiah W. Wynne - 16 Dec 1846 - 27 Apr 1925
- Lillian E. dau of J. W. and M. E. Wynne - 31 Aug 1877 - 25 Apr 1901
- Thomas B. Bell - 7 Mar 1869 - 19 Sept 1929 (father)
- Winnefred W. Bell - 7 May 1869 - 15 Jan 1947 (mother)
- Mary B - ?
- John W. Wynne - 10 Mar 1871 - 18 May 1911
- Spruill:Elizabeth - 6 Jan 1890 - 11 Feb 1918
- Arthur R. - 4 October 1881 - 5 Apr 1938
- Spruill - Hellon Louise - 9 July 1921 - 16 Dec 1938
- Spruill: - Willie S. - 18 Mar 1888 - 2 Dec 1947
- Spruill, Maude S. wife of Willie S. Spruill 12 Sept 1892 - 21 Feb 1963

- Mattie Ray Chesson - 12 Mar 1896 - 27 Mar 1927
 - Jennie Marriner, wife of L. C. Marriner - 21 Apr 1850 - 18 May 1890
 - L. C. Marriner, infant son of L. C. and Jennie M. 2 Jan 1888 - 19 Oct 1889
 - John W., Jr. son of J. W. and E. Swain - 18 May 1926 - 28 Aug 1929
 - Alexander - Albert B. - 12 June 1859 - 16 Sept 1918
 - Mary J. - 7 Jan 1870 - 22 Jan 1950
 - Virginia Harrington Tarkenton - 3 Dec 1892 - 16 Dec 1965
 - James Clinton Tarkenton - 2 Feb 1885 - 28 Mar 1948
 - Hope G. Spruill 1881 - 1958
 - Mary E. Spruill 1891 - 1919
 - Hester Cahoon - 1857 - 1935
 - Ella Leggett, wife of Samuel Z? Waters - 9 June 1884 - 22 Feb 1968
 - Snell: Charles W. Snell 8 Nov 1868 - 23 Sept 1927
 - Eva L. Snell - 12 July 1876 - 25 June 1937
 - Charles W. Snell Jr. - 4 Aug 1912 - 13 Mar 1981
- End

From Our Mailboxes

Need addresses, etc. for any county in NC - go to: <http://ncacc.org/countyinfo.htm> there's a state map, click on county then select department - i.e., - Register of Deeds - everything you need right there! Addresses, staff, hours of operation, costs for copies, etc.

Washington County Web Page

Steve Davenport (Dav1207@aol.com) advises: The Washington County web page now has marriage licenses of Washington County, a work in progress. Records cover all known marriages from 1851 to 1872 from two sources: Marriage Register and the Freedman's Register, a little-known source for colored marriages. Pages 1 - 28 contain entries from 1866 - 1868 which legally recognizes slave marriages from as much as 40 years prior. Pages 66 - 113 are a register of colored marriages from 1866 - 1872, a period during which, apparently, colored marriages were recorded here rather than in the regular register. Steve says the next step is to transcribe the register from 1872 - 1880 and says thanks to Charlie Barnes and all those who helped

(are helping with) this project.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncwashin/washing.htm>

Query:

Date: Tue, 3 Apr 2001 18:14:09 -0700 From: Bill Facenda - facenda@pilot.infi.net

Surname: MARRINER - Looking for info on Worley (sometimes shown as Wesley) Marriner, born early 1800's and married Emma Snell in Washington County. One of their sons, William Collins Marriner, ran a store in Roper around the turn of the century but migrated to Virginia. Also seeking the "Marriner family cemetery" which is possibly near Mackey's Ferry, and:

Looking for the grave site of Penelope Jane "Neppie" Hassell, African-American, who died 18th Feb 1934 in Portsmouth, VA. She was buried in the vicinity of Creswell or Roper in a church cemetery on 20th Feb. Her mother was Jane Collins. She was a native of Creswell and was born 15th June 1885.

Joan Lazarus is researching Snells.
hlazarul@bellsouth.net End

Obituaries:

Bertha Weaver Webb, 103, of 501 Madison St, Plymouth died 10 Feb 2001 at Plumblee Nursing Center. She was born 25 June 1897 in Washington Co, NC, the daughter of the late Helen and Preston Weaver. She was a homemaker and a seamstress and a member of Mt. Hebron AME Zion Church and was survived by several nephews and nieces. Her husband of 57 years, Charlie, preceded her in death. Her funeral was held at the church with Rev. Gary West officiating and burial followed at Toodle's Cemetery. (RB 14 Feb 2001, p 4A)

Robert Thomas, 96 of 2639 Woodlawn Rd., Roper, died 9 Mar 2001, Washington Co Hospital. Funeral Second Zion Grove Baptist Church, buried in church cemetery. Born 1 May 1904 Wash Co, Robert Thomas and Mary Davis Thomas. Married Allie Brown Thomas, preceded him in death. Retired Farmer. Son: Joseph, Mount Vernon, NY, daughters Agnes Lyles, Evelyn Wynn, Luberta Young, Roper; Alverta Young, Minnie Thomas, Sadie White, Plymouth, 44 gc, 106 ggc, 33 gggc. Toodles Funeral Home End

Member Information

Welcome new member Terrace Fagan Mitchell, Lawrenceville, GA. "Your Feb issue was especially interesting because as a resident of Plymouth, I

remember Mr. Jerry Johnson and some of his family members.

I am researching ancestors of my great grandparents, Alexander and Sarah Howcutt Fagan. I found Alex and wife, Sarah in the 1880 Census with children: David (23 yrs), Martha (15 yrs), Sarah (8 yrs), Ben (7 yrs & my grandfather), George (5 yrs), Jennie (Geneva 8 mos) and Sarah's mother, Sarah Hocut (80 yrs). Rumor has it that Alex and Sarah were slaves.

Cymera Rosella Moore (my grandmother) b. 1880, daughter of John Daniel Moore and Margaret Lee, married Ben (Benjamin Franklin Fagan). To this union, ten children were born. Two of their children are residing in Plymouth, Theodosius (96 yrs) and Rossie Benjamin (86 yrs) Fagan.

My goal is to find who the parents of Alex and Sarah Fagan my paternal great grandparents and my maternal great grandparents, John Daniel and Margaret Lee Moore.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.
 Terrace Fagan Mitchell. End

Example of Will - 1750-1800

(Gordon Basnight shares the following, only to provide insight to the time period 1750-1800 - this is a composite of wills he is abstracting.)

In the name of God amen: This twenty ninth day of November in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King George the third I, Joseph R. Doe of the County of Tyrel and Province of North Carolina Planter being in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks to Almighty God for the same therefore calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christain burial at the disression of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldley Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in manner and form following.

Item - I give to my loving wife Rebaca Doe the use of my land where I now live likewise the use of

my cattle sheep and hoggs to support my son John Doe as long as she chuses to live my widow on the primises and take care of my son John and if she chuses to marrey or remove to deliver up my son John and the Estate to my son William.

Item - I give to my son James Doe five shillings of Great Briton sterlign to be leveyed and paid out of my Estate and likewise his freedom on the first day of August next I say unto my son James Doe. Item - I give unto my daughter Ann Adams one feather bead and sheet one dish and two plates one basin one cow and calf I say unto my daughter Ann Adams to her and her heirs forever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Keziah Kemp one shilling of Great Briton sterlign money and no moore I say unto my daughter Keziah Kemp.

Item - I give unto Dorothy Doe my youngest daughter ten pounds pork to give her a years schooling.

Item - I give and bequeath to my three sons that is to say John Doe James Doe and William Doe all my Juniper Swamp on the East side of the river it being the swamp joining the plantation that I gave to my son William Doe to them and their airs and assignes forever but and if either of them should quarrel two about the swamp that then the other brother shall cut them out of their rite of the swamp with twelve pence apeace if this quarrel should arrise after they come of twenty one years of age.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son William Doe one molato boy named Moses to him and his heirs forever. My Will and desire is that my negro boy named Lonon be equally divided between my sons James Doe and John Doe --

Item - That my negro fellow called Fourtaine be sold and the money divided between my wife Rebaca Doe and my daughters Ann Mchoon Keziah Clifton and Clarkey Doe

Item - I give to my brother Himan one pare of briches likewise one hatt and one pair of wosted stockings also my still.

Item - I give to my son Enoch Doe one shilling sterlign as a bar against any other part of my estate I say unto my son Enoch Doe

Item - I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William Doe all the residue of my Estate, where

ever to be found or of what ever it may consist both real and personal I say unto my son William Doe to him and his heirs and assigns forever -

I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Himan Doe the whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament and do hereby Revoak Disannull and make Void all other Wills Legacyes and Bequests by me formerly made or that may be produced by any other person or persons whatsoever excepting these presents Witness my hand and seal the day and date first above written.

John (his -x- mark) Doe (Seal)

Kaleb Kemp
Abram Adams

End

Washington County Genealogical Society

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WCGS Meets 2:30 p.m. Third Sundays

Membership fees: \$15 individual / \$18 family

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Calendar:

- ☞ 20th May - Regular WCGS Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- Program on Somerset Resources - Carl Burke
- ☞ 2nd June - Davenport Homestead (See Loretta Phelps if you can volunteer to help!)
- ☞ Next month: Obituary of Mary Dinkins,
descendant of James Franklin Arnold; more from
Vernon L. Everett, Jr. - And your contribution?
- ☞ Need your updated Family Group Sheets!
- ☞ If you missed the March workshop in Creswell,
you missed a treat - even though it was Standing
Room Only! Want to do it again? Let us hear
from you - next time with more space, more
time, more data to share!

See you in May - Bring a friend!